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SUBJ: LABOR CONVENTIONS

1. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA INAUGURATED NINTH CONGRESS CONFEDERATION MEXICAN WORKERS (CTM) APRIL 21 AFTER SIMILARLY OFFICIATING AT INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT ENTERTAINMENT TRADE UNIONS ONE HOUR EARLIER. ECHEVERRIA SPOKE ONLY FEW WORDS AT EACH CONVENTION. MAJOR SPEECHES MADE AT CTM CONGRESS BY LABSEC PORFIRIO MUNOZ-LEDO AND CTM SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION, SENATOR EMILIO GONZALEZ. LABSEC ESPOUSED TYING WAGES TO PRICES, BLAMED SPECULATORS FOR MANY PRICE HIKES, ENCOURAGED DEVELOPMENT CONSUMER COOPS, HEDGED ON FORTY-HOUR WEEK (SAYING STUDIES NOT YET DEFINITE BUT POSSIBLY GOM CAN WORK OUT SOLUTION TO PROBLEM ALLOWING FOR GRADUAL REDUCTION OF HOURS). INDIVIDUAL WHISTLING (BOOING) COULD BE HEARD FROM AMONGST 20,000 PARTICIPANTS. SENATOR GONZALEZ DEMANDED FORTY-HOUR WEEK, INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM, FEDERALIZATION ALL LABOR COURTS, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, AND AMALGAMATION ALL MEXICAN LABOR UNIONS.

2. ELECTION OF CTM OFFICERS TAKES PLACE APRIL 23. FOREIGN DELEGATES FROM ENTERTAINMENT SECRETARIAT WERE GUEST CTM CONGRESS. ICFTU
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OTTO KERSTEN EXPECTED ARRIVE MEXICO APRIL 22.

3. COMMENT: FIDEL VELAZQUEZ CERTAIN TO BE RE-ELECTED. RUMORED, HOWEVER, THAT VELAZAUEZ WILL RETIRE JANUARY 1975. SOME CTM DELEGATES BELIEVE CTM WILL GIVE PREFERENCE TO LEGISLATED ESCALATOR MINIMUM WAGES AND NEGOTIATED ESCALATOR WAGE CLAUSES TIED TO GOM PRICE INDEX. CTM ALSO WILL STRONGLY BARGAIN FOR FORTY-HOUR WEEK IN COLLECTIVE CONTRACTS RATHER THAN SEEK SAME BY DECREE. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BEING PROMOTED BUT EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE THEREFORE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY.
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